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For the purposes of this file the Talamanca nation includes the Boruca, Bribri, Cabecar, Changuena, Coto, Dorasque, Quepo, and Terraba (Chirripo, Tirub) tribes.

Five sources have been processed for the files. 1: Gabb is the basic source, of broad subject coverage, with considerable data in the form of word lists. 2: Skinner is a well-illustrated description emphasizing the material culture of the Bribri. 3: Stone is a balanced though short ethnography of the Boruca, a highly acculturated group. 4: Pittier de Fabrega consists of a selection of folk-tales; and 5: Urcullu provides historical depth in the form of a missionary report at the time of the early Spanish contacts with the Indians.

Although this file does not provide thorough coverage of all tribes and subjects, the material which has been processed is well balanced and presents a fairly good account of most aspects of Talamanca culture. --Analyst]